

## Concrete Staining with Rodney Ray - Review:



*One of the beautiful boards we did.*



*More samples drying.*



*Rodney and his helper, Lynn*



*Class Participants: Marjie, Kevin, Myrna, Vickie M, Vickie C, Karen M, Chris, Katrina, Nathalie, Karen C, Carla, Leta, Cyndi, Tracy, Tamara, Gavin, and instructor Rodney Ray in front.*

This class was the largest class like this that we have had. Luckily the Fred Oldfield Center was big enough because we had so many sample boards that needed to dry. Since I have never worked with this type of system I found the class to be a bit overwhelming but very interesting. I love the fact that you can use this not only on floors but counter tops and walls and I can see where this type of service could be financially rewarding. For me what was so overwhelming is that since we didn't have a sample to look at it was really hard to know what direction to go in. This product is so much chemical reaction that it isn't like paint where you can actually see what your color will look like. I will be ordering the sample pack and playing with it before I actually show it to clients.

As for Rodney Ray, he is very smart and knows what he is talking about. His written information and instruction booklet was done very well with questions, answers, equipment, and my favorite...how to measure!

Of course the best part was the socializing! It was great to be able to have dinner with everyone at night and just share information.

by Kim Bacon

Rodney's Concrete and Chemical Staining class...

Day 1 - We worked non-stop prepping our boards and learning the ins and outs of Portland cement, dyes and oxides...dined at the Keg... exhausted!

Day 2 - We added a whole menu of items to our sample boards, such as coffee, sugar, corn flakes, etc., to see how the dyes and oxides reacted...dined at Puerto Vallarta on cheese and more cheese and a few margaritas...but just a few! Fred Oldfield joined the party to entertain the girls!

Day 3 - We were shown how to apply Modello stencils and then set loose to experiment with all we had learned in the previous two days and let the "artist" come out. It was great fun to see how many very different finishes were produced by all in attendance.

The class was messy and fun and casual, but we all learned a good deal about the treatments for newly laid cement. Rodney taught and then spent time with everyone individually to talk about their personal questions and styles. I think everyone had a great time, but discovered this treatment was a great deal of back breaking labor, as we were hurting from leaning over tables, which is easier than being on your knees....but the beautiful results makes it all worthwhile!

Many of the members were talking about trying out the technique on kitchen or bathroom countertops. We learned that The Seattle Architectural Finishing Studio will soon be carrying the products needed to execute this finish.

We owe a huge thanks to Joella and the Fred Oldfield center for letting us spread out like we owned the place! We needed so much drying room for the boards that we were very fortunate to have scored the center for our use, and if they had not been pushed back in the opening date, we would have needed a basketball court at some high school!!! Thanks again.

by Tamara

(wrist wrapped from pushing cement!!)